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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH PUERTO RICAN REPRESENTATIVE

1. FRANKLIN DELANO LOPEZ OF THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF PUERTO RICO CALLED ON AMBASSADOR YOUNG SEPTEMBER 5. LOPEZ SAID HE HAD BEEN MAKING THE ROUNDS OF C-24 AND THAT HIS IMPRESSION OF VOTING SITUATION ON PUERTO RICO WAS THAT CUBAN RESOLUTION HAD 12 FIRM VOTES IN FAVOR. TWELVE OTHER MEMBERS WOULD FAVOR A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CONSENSUS. THIS MEANT, HOWEVER, THAT THE CUBAN RESOLUTION, IF PUT TO A VOTE, WOULD PASS BECAUSE NOT ALL OF THOSE WHO FAVORED A COMPROMISE WOULD VOTE AGAINST THE CUBAN RESOLUTION.

2. LOPEZ SAID THE VOTES FOR THE CUBAN RESOLUTION WOULD COME FROM AFGHANISTAN, SYRIA, MALI, TANZANIA, CONGO, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, BULGARIA, USSR, CHINA, IRAQ, ETHIOPIA AND CUBA. HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT INDIA AND SWEDEN WERE WORKING TOWARD SOME SORT OF COMPROMISE. AUSTRALIA AND CHILE WOULD VOTE ACCORDING TO U.S. WISHES. TUNISIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, IVORY COAST, SIERRA LEONE, IRAN, YUGOSLAVIA FAVOR A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION, BUT SOME OF THESE WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE CUBAN

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RESOLUTION.

3. LOPEZ SAID SOMEONE SHOULD WORK ON YUGOSLAVIA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG POINTED OUT THAT WE HAVE MADE REPRESENTATIONS TO THEM AND THAT AT THIS TIME PERHAPS THE INDIANS SHOULD TALK TO THEM.

4. LOPEZ SAID HIS PARTY STRONGLY PREFERRED A CONSENSUS RESOLUTION AND OPPOSED THE CUBAN DRAFT. HE WAS LOBBYING AGAINST IT AND WAS SUGGESTING THAT COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUPPORT THE RESOLUTION THAT GARCIA PASSALACQUA HAD BEEN CIRCULATING. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY HE CONCEDED THAT AN ALTERNATIVE RESOLUTION ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. COULD BE SUPPORTED BY THE PUERTO RICANS.

5. LOPEZ SAID HE WOULD CONTINUE HIS CONTACTS WITH C-24 MEMBERS, AND PLANNED A LUNCHEON MEETING WITH THE CUBAN DELEGATE TODAY (SEPTEMBER 5) AND WOULD TOUCH BASE WITH MISOFF LATER IN AFTERNOON. LATER, IN AFTERNOON, LOPEZ TOLD MISOFF THAT THE CUBAN REPRESENTATIVE (ALVAREZ) HAD EXUDED CONFIDENCE THAT THE CUBAN RESOLUTION WOULD PASS. HE HAD REJECTED LOPEZ' SUGGESTIONS THAT THE CUBANS SHOULD ACCEPT AMENDMENTS OR A COMPROMISE RESOLUTION IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS. LOPEZ EXPRESSED SURPRISE OVER THE HARD-LINE POSITION MAINTAINED BY THE CUBAN.

6. COMMENT: WE NOTE THAT LOPEZ OMITTED FIJI AND INDONESIA FROM HIS TALLY. WE BELIEVE BOTH WILL OPPOSE CUBAN RESOLUTION AS IT NOW STANDS. USUN AND THE INDIAN PERM REP HAVE HAD NO LUCK IN PERSUADING YUGOSLAVS TO TAKE ANY LEAD TOWARD MODERATION. YOUNG
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